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## Dear Interested Party:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) is proposing to extend the grazing lease on the Fresno Reservoir Wildlife Management Area (WMA) for two years ending September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Grazing would continue to be managed under the current rest-rotation grazing system. During this extension, a new management plan for this WMA will be developed evaluating habitat conditions, role of livestock grazing, and management priorities for this area.

The Draft Environmental Assessment can be found on the on the FWP website at <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/">http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/</a>. A copy of the EA may also be obtained by contacting the FWP Havre Area Office at 405-265-6177 or by emailing <a href="mailto:shemmer@mt.gov">shemmer@mt.gov</a>.

The comment period for this proposal will start February 15<sup>th</sup> and run through 5:00 pm on March 16<sup>th</sup>. A public hearing will be held at the Hill County Electric Hospitality Room in Havre on March 7th at 7:00 pm to provide information on the proposal and take public comment.

Please send all written comments to the following address:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Attn: Fresno Reservoir WMA Grazing Lease Extension 2165 Hwy 2 East Havre, MT 59501

Comments can also be submitted online or emailed to: <a href="mailto:shemmer@mt.gov">shemmer@mt.gov</a>

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Dalbey

Acting Region 6 Supervisor Montana, Fish Wildlife & Parks

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